

software configured to

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receive [value] information electronically from clients regarding
what value information would be necessary to make a product, service,
software, or information valuable to a user, as perhaps a repository of
customer desires or user-set preferences,

store the value information in the repository,

[determining] determine, based on triggers indicated by customer
desires databases or user-set preferences, when value information
associated with a particular product, service, software, or information
would be useful for one of the clients, and

in response to the determining, distribute the value information for
the product, service, or information electronically to the one of the clients
from the repository,

49. The system of claim 48 in which the server is electronically
accessible through a web site on the Internet.

50. The system of claim 48 in which the server is electronically
accessible through an internal network.

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51. (amended) The system of claim 48 in which the server is
electronically accessible to users of a particular product, service, software, or
information.

52. The system of claim 48 in which the value information comprises
value judgments.

53. The system of claim 48 in which the value information comprises
navigational pointers that point to information that a user has determined to be
useful.

54. The system of claim 48 in which the client includes software applications that embeds a pointer to the server that enables a user to invoke the server directly from the software application to obtain value information related to the use of the client.

BA SUB D3 55. (amended) The system of claim 54 in which the pointer is automatically displayed [at appropriate moments] during use of the client.

56. The system of claim 48 in which the server prompts the client to supply additional value information to the server.

57. The system of claim 48 in which the software application in the client periodically supplies additional value information to the server.

BS SUB D4 58. (amended) The system of claim 48 in which the server initiates delivery to the clients of new value information concerning products, services, software, or information of interest to the clients.

59. The system of claim 48 in which the value information is continually updated.

60. (amended) The system of claim 48 in which the server provides addresses of, and at least one of rankings, comments, and ratings of the products, services, software, or information.

B36 SUB D5 61. (amended) The system of claim 48 further comprising detecting uses by the client of the products, services, software, or information.

62. (amended) The system of claim 61 further comprising prompting the client for an assessment of the value of the products, services, software, or information used.

63. The system of claim 62 in which the assessment information is returned to the server from the client

64. The system of claim 62 in which the assessment information is stored at the client and periodically returned to the server from the client

65. The system of claim 48 in which the server collects value information when at least one of the following occurs:

a client uses the products, services, or information on-line,

a client uses the products, services, or information from versions that are downloaded to the client, and

another server shares the value information with the server.

66. The system of claim 48 further comprising presenting value information in one or more of the following styles: text, lists, charts, views, arrangements, hierarchies, graphical maps, sample extracts, abstracts, summary descriptions, or hypertext.

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67. (amended) A system comprising a digital medium storing information generated by large numbers of independent users about the value of products, services, software, or information, the medium being coupled to an electronic communication network to enable [regular] interchange of new value information from the users to the digital medium and of stored value information from the medium to the users.

68. The system of claim 67 in which the users generate the new value information interactively while using the stored value information.

69. The system of claim 67 further comprising digital filters configured to identify patterns of sources of value information and fetch the identified information over the network.

70. The system of claim 69 in which the services comprise video or music, the value information concerns the content of the video or music, and the